2016

MOUNTAIN LION

Montana Hunting Regulations

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Mountain lion. *Puma concolor.* Photo by Tim Rubbert

Apply for General Licenses, Special Licenses, and SuperTags Online: **fwp.mt.gov**

Regulations Adopted by F&W Commission

These regulations are adopted under the authority granted to the Fish & Wildlife Commission (F&W Commission) in MCA 87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2016, through April 14, 2017. These regulations were adopted by the F&W Commission on June 9, 2016. The F&W Commission reserves the authority to amend the seasons, limits and regulations herein if deemed necessary for wildlife management purposes. M. Jeff Hagener, Director.

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What's New & Reminders

What's New

- Quota changes in Region 3.
- Base Hunting License required for submitting applications as well as for the first hunting license purchase.

Reminders

- A General Lion License purchased after August 31 may not be used until five days after the license is issued. This license may be purchased at FWP offices, at License Providers or online.
- Deadline to apply for Special Mountain Lion License drawing is August 11.
- Unsuccessful applicants for a Special Mountain Lion License will be eligible to purchase only a Limited Region 2 General Lion License which is valid statewide in the Archery Only Season, in any open district during the Fall Season Without Dogs, in any open district during the Late Winter Season (Feb 01 – Apr 14) in Region 2 and in the Missoula Special Management Area.
- Late Winter Season (Feb 01 - Apr 14) in Region 2 for General Lion License holders. See page 7 for details.
- Even though the 2016 Mountain Lion season extends into the 2017 license year, the deadline to purchase 2016 licenses is February 28, 2017.

Licensing – Residency

It is illegal to swear to or to affirm a false statement in order to obtain an original or duplicate resident hunting and/or fishing license OR to assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license.

Resident

- To be a legal Montana resident and eligible to purchase any Montana resident fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, as per MCA 87-2-102, you must:
  - claim Montana as your principal or primary home or place of abode.
  - have been physically living in Montana for at least 180 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a resident license;
  - register your vehicle(s) in Montana;
  - be registered to vote in Montana if you're registered to vote at all;
  - not possess current (or have applied for any) resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in another state or country;
  - file Montana state income tax returns as a resident, if you are required to file.
- Once you have established your residency, you must continue to meet all these requirements and physically reside in Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive).
- To purchase an annual resident Conservation License you will be required to show a valid Montana Driver's License (MDL), a valid Montana Identification Card (MIC) or a valid Tribal Identification Card.
- If your MDL or MIC has been issued for less than six months, you may be required to show additional proof of residency. An out-of-state driver's license is NOT an acceptable form of ID for resident license purchases. Contact your local FWP office for specifics.
- A person is NOT considered a resident for the purposes of this section if the person claims residence in any other state or country for any purpose.

License Chart

The following licenses, for the purpose of mountain lion hunting, chasing and/or resident hound training, are valid March 1, 2016 through the dates listed in these regulations and subject to quota closures. A hunter may purchase only one mountain lion license per year.

LICENSE	REQUIREMENT(S)	COST
Conservation	Required Prerequisite and must be carried while hunting or chasing lions.	$8 Resident $10 Nonresident
Base Hunting License	Annual fee charged at the time the hunter applies for or purchases his/her first hunting license per license year.	$10 Resident $15 Nonresident
General Mountain Lion	A General Mountain Lion License purchased after August 31 may not be used until five days after the license is issued. Available to resident and nonresident Conservation License holders 11 years of age or older. See Youth Hunting Opportunities.	$19 Resident $320 Nonresident Purchase by February 28, 2017.
Bow and Arrow (Archery)	A Bow and Arrow License, plus the proper hunting license is required during mountain lion Archery Only Season or to archery hunt mountain lion in an Arch-Equip only area or hunting district.	$10 Resident $10 Nonresident
General Trapper, Resident	Available to resident Conservation License holders 12 years of age or older. Purchase by Feb 28, 2017. Required to hunt or chase bobcat. Deadline for bobcat validation: is November 30, 2016. See the Trapping Regulations for details.	$20 Resident
Resident Hound Training	Available to resident Conservation License holders 11 years of age or older. See Youth Hunting Opportunities.	$5 Resident Only
Special Mountain Lion License (Nonrefundable Application Fee)	Over-the-counter or mailed applications must be received by FWP no later than 5:00pm on August 11. Online applications (http://fwp.mt.gov) must be completed by 11:45 p.m. MDT on August 11. NOTE: successful applicants must purchase a Special Mountain Lion License by February 28, 2017.	Application fee: $5 Resident $5 Nonresident License cost: $19 Resident $320 Nonresident
Limited Region 2 General Lion License	Only available to unsuccessful applicants for a Special Mountain Lion License. Eligible hunters will recieve a letter with purchase details.	$19 Resident $320 Nonresident

Licensing – General Information and Procedures

- In most of Region 1, resident mountain lion hunting during the Winter Season will be only by Special Mountain Lion License with nonresidents limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the Special Mountain Lion Licenses available.
- In most Region 2 districts, mountain lion hunting during the early portion of the Winter Season (Dec 01 – Jan 31) will be only by Special Mountain Lion License with nonresidents limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the Special Mountain Lion Licenses available. General Lion License holders may hunt during the Late Winter Season (Feb 1 – Apr 14) until quotas are filled or until the season is closed.
- In the Missoula Special Management Area within Region 2:
  - **Resident** mountain lion hunting only by General License under a harvest quota. Exception: Special Mountain Lion License holders may hunt mountain lion in the Missoula Special Management Area during the Archery Only and Fall mountain lion seasons.

- **Nonresident** mountain lion hunting only by Special Mountain Lion License and limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the district quota.

- In Regions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, all hunting districts are quota-based with a General License for residents and nonresidents.
- Unsuccessful applicants for a Special Mountain Lion License will be eligible to purchase only a Limited Region 2 General Lion License valid statewide in any open districts during the Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs, valid in open districts in Region 2 during the Late Winter Season (Feb 1 – Apr 14) , and valid (Residents only) in the Missoula Special Management Area.
- Unsuccessful resident applicants for a Special Mountain Lion License may purchase a Resident Hound Training License to only chase during the hound training season December 2 - April 14 in any valid hunting district statewide.

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact – Montana is a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. Under the compact, member states recognize suspensions of hunting, fishing or trapping privileges. It is illegal for a violator whose privilege to hunt, fish or trap is suspended to obtain or attempt to obtain a license, tag or permit in a member state. For more information, call 406-444-2452.

General Mountain Lion License

- A General Mountain Lion License is available at all Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices, FWP license providers, online at **http://fwp.mt.gov**, or by mail.
  - A General Mountain Lion License purchased after August 31 may not be used until five days after the license is issued.
  - Applications are available at all FWP Regional and Area offices or may be downloaded from the FWP website at **http://fwp.mt.gov**.
- During the Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs, a General Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion hunting district, even if the district is a Special Mountain Lion License district during the Winter Season.
- During the Winter Season a General Lion License is valid in all hunting districts with a harvest quota (excluding Special Mountain Lion License areas).
- During the Late Winter Season (Feb 01 - Apr 14) a General Lion License is valid in all hunting districts that have not reached the harvest quota.
- Nonresidents require a valid mountain lion license (General or Special) to harvest, handle dogs or chase mountain lions.

Special Mountain Lion License

- A limited number of Special Mountain Lion Licenses are available only through a special drawing. Apply by August 11.
- Applicants must possess a current year Conservation License and a Base Hunting License to apply for a Special Mountain Lion License.
- Bonus points will be offered for Special Mountain Lion License applications.
- Nonresidents are limited to no more than 10% of the Special Mountain Lion Licenses offered.
- A Special Mountain Lion License may be applied for:
  - online at **http://fwp.mt.gov** no later than 11:45 p.m. MDT on August 11, **or**
  - over-the-counter at any FWP regional office, FWP area office, and/or the Helena Headquarters no later than 5 p.m. MDT August 11, **or**
  - by mail. Mailed applications must include the $5 nonrefundable drawing fee and must be received by FWP Helena Headquarters no later than 5 p.m. MDT August 11. Applications are available at all FWP regional and area offices or may be downloaded from the FWP website at **http://fwp.mt.gov**.
- Drawing results will be available during or after August 18.
- Successful Special Mountain Lion License applicants will be notified by mail and must purchase a mountain lion license no later than February 28, 2017.
- During the Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs, a Special Mountain Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion hunting district.
- During the Winter Season, a Special Mountain Lion License may be used only in a specific hunting district, portion of the hunting district, or a group of hunting districts for which the Special Mountain Lion License is valid.

Limited Region 2 General Lion License

- Unsuccessful applicants for a Special Mountain Lion License will be eligible to purchase only a Limited Region 2 General Lion License, valid statewide in the Archery Only Season, in any open districts during the Fall Season Without Dogs, the Late Winter Season (Feb 1 – Apr 14) in Region 2 and in the Missoula Special Management Area.
- Unsuccessful resident applicants for Special Mountain Lion Licenses may purchase a Resident Hound Training License to only chase mountain lion and/or bobcat during the hound training season in any valid mountain lion hunting district statewide December 2 – April 14.

Resident Hound Training License (RHTL)

- Available to resident Conservation License holders.
- Entitles the license holder to use a dog or dogs to aid in chasing mountain lions and/or bobcat in all valid mountain lion hunting districts in the state, except HD 282, during the hound training season from December 2 – April 14 per MCA 87-2-521.
- A person may not kill a mountain lion or bobcat with only an RHTL. To kill a mountain lion, you must hold a mountain lion license. To kill a bobcat, you must hold a Trapping License purchased and validated for bobcat by November 30.
- A resident hunter with a valid mountain lion license is not required to have a Resident Hound Training License to chase mountain lion.

State School Trust Lands Recreational Use License – The Conservation License allows hunters and anglers access to all legally accessible state school trust lands.

SuperTag Lottery for Mountain Lion

- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an unlimited number of $5 chances per species by June 30 to win a Montana hunting license for a mountain lion as well as antelope, bison, deer, elk, moose, sheep and goat.
- Each SuperTag license allows one to hunt in any Montana hunting district valid for that species.
- Chances are sold electronically at all FWP License Providers or via **http://fwp.mt.gov** online services.
- Proceeds from the sale of SuperTag chances will enhance public hunting access and boost FWP enforcement efforts.
- For more information visit FWP's website at **http://fwp.mt.gov**.

Youth Hunting Opportunities

A resident or nonresident youth who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2017, may hunt any game species for which their license is valid, after August 15, 2016. Proof of hunter education must be presented at the time of purchase.

Youth Hunters (there are two ways to be a youth hunter):

1. An **Apprentice Hunter** is a resident or nonresident, 10-17 years of age, certified at an FWP office. This allows the youth to hunt some species, while accompanied by a mentor, without first completing a hunter education course. The Apprentice Hunter may not apply for a bighorn sheep license or a hunting license or permit with a limited quota. Other restrictions apply. See our website for details at:
   http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/licenses/all/apprenticeHunter/default.html
2. A resident or nonresident **youth 12 years of age or older** may hunt any game species for which their license is valid. Those who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2017 may hunt any game species, for which their license is valid, after August 15 of the 2016 license year. Proof of hunter education must be presented at the time of purchase.

Hunter with a Disability

If you or someone you know has a disability and/or is aging, and is in need of assistive technology (AT) or adaptive equipment to help you participate in outdoor recreation, please contact:

MonTech at the University of Montana Rural Institute
52 Corbin Hall
Missoula, MT 59803
(406) 243-5751
http://montech.ruralinstitute.utm.edu/

Hunter Education Requirements

Firearm and Archery Education Requirements – If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course (or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province) prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season.

- Montana law requires members of the armed forces and their dependents stationed in Montana to present a Montana hunter education certificate or similar certificate from any state or province when purchasing any Montana hunting license.
- Duplicates – Montana certificates of completion for the Montana hunter education and/or bowhunter education courses may be obtained from FWP's website.

Bowhunter Education Requirements – To purchase a Montana Bow and Arrow License, a hunter must:

- Provide a certificate of completing the National Bowhunter Education Foundation course, or
- Provide any prior year's bowhunting/archery stamp, tag, permit, or license from any state or province.

Procedures to Follow After Harvesting an Animal

Harvest Limit

- A hunter may take one legal mountain lion.

Evidence Required of Game Animal's Sex and Species

- It is illegal to possess or transport the carcass of any big game animal unless evidence of the animal's sex and species remains naturally attached to its carcass or a portion of the carcass.
- Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the hide. The following are considered lawful evidence of sex:
  - Males: testicles or baculum;
  - Females: vulva.

License Validation and Tagging

- To properly validate a license (sometimes referred to as a tag):
  - A hunter must cut out the proper month and day of the kill from the appropriate license and attach it to the animal before the carcass is removed from the site of kill, or before the hunter leaves the site of the kill.
  - The license must be attached to the animal in a secure and clearly visible manner.
  - Tearing, slicing or punching the tag is not legal.
- The properly validated carcass license must remain with the meat (including cold storage) until consumed. If quartered, the carcass license should remain with the largest portion of the carcass.

Mandatory Reporting Requirements

- Hunters must personally report their mountain lion kill within 12 hours by calling the mountain lion reporting line at 1-877-FWP-WILD (1-877-397-9453) or 406-444-0356.
- Within ten (10) days of harvesting a mountain lion, the successful hunter must personally present the hide and skull to a Montana FWP official. The hide and skull **must** be presented in a condition that allows full inspection and tooth collection (i.e. unfrozen) for the purpose of:
  - inspection and registration of kill.
  - verification of sex.
  - removal of a tooth for aging purposes.
  - issuance and attachment of a hide tag. The hide tag must thereafter remain attached to the hide until tanned.

Harvest Reporting and Status/Closure Information

- To report a harvest, call 1-877-FWP-WILD (1-877-397-9453) or 406-444-0356 .
- Harvest status/closure may be obtained:
  - by calling 1-800-385-7826 or 406-444-1989 for statewide information or,
  - by checking the FWP website at **http://fwp.mt.gov** available 24-hours a day.
- The toll-free line and FWP website are updated daily by 1 p.m. MST.

Definitions

Chase – To go after or on the track of.

Hunting District – Represents a hunting district OR group of hunting districts as specified under "Mountain Lion Hunting District Regulations".

Legal Female Mountain Lion – Any female mountain lion not accompanied by kittens with spots. No mountain lion with body spots shall be killed.

Legal Male Mountain Lion – Any male mountain lion without body spots.

Open Hunting District – A hunting district not closed to harvest.

Valid License – A current license year license. A valid license may be used to chase even after a mountain lion has been harvested.

Hunter Access

Closed Lands

State Game Preserves, National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges and certain FWP WMAs during all or a portion of the mountain lion seasons are closed to mountain lion hunting. For additional information on state and federal regulations, contact the local land manager.

Private Land Access

- Montana law requires hunters to have the permission of the landowner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property, regardless of whether the land is posted or not. Access courtesy cards are available at all FWP offices.
- Permission is required to release dogs or chase mountain lions and bobcats on private land.

Public Land Access

- Big game hunting between the ordinary high water marks of streams and rivers is illegal without landowner permission. Landowner permission must be obtained to hunt private lands adjacent to waterways.

FWP is working cooperatively with other agencies to improve signing of legally accessible public lands wherever possible.

- Enforcement of Area Closures on Public Land: All federally approved travel plans on public lands in Montana are hereby adopted by the Fish & Wildlife Commission. Motorized travel in restricted areas in violation of any current travel plan or land use plan is prohibited during the hunting season.

State School Trust Lands

- Overnight (2 night) camping is allowed within 200 feet of a legal access point.
- Horses may not be kept overnight on State School Trust Lands.
- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on designated open roads.
- Game retrieval is by foot or horse only.
- No open fires are allowed except in designated campground fire pits.
- Firearms may not be discharged within one-quarter mile of an inhabited dwelling or outbuilding without permission of the inhabitant.
- Additional information is available from FWP or contact DNRC at 406-444-2074.

State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)

Wildlife Management Areas are generally open to hunting during the fall mountain lion season. WMAs with big game winter range are closed to public entry, unless otherwise posted, from the day following the end of the general deer-elk season or December 1, whichever is later, to noon on May 15 each year, as posted.

Exception: There are several exceptions to these guidelines. For WMA specific information, please call the Regional office (see page 16 for contact numbers) or visit the FWP website at:

http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/wma/

Tribal Land

Big Game hunting by Non-Tribal members on Indian Reservations is prohibited by the State of Montana unless it is provided for in a cooperative agreement between the Tribal Government and the State of Montana. Check with local Tribal Government before attempting to hunt on an Indian Reservation. See "Contacts Outside FWP" on page 16.

Means and Methods of Hunting

As a big game animal, mountain lions may only be taken by hunting (firearms or archery).

Firearms

General Season

- There is no rifle or handgun caliber limitation for the taking of big game animals.
- Muzzleloaders, shotguns with 0, 00, or slugs, archery equipment, and crossbows are legal.

Archery Equipment

Archery Only Season and in archery equipment only areas.

- It is unlawful to use any chemical or explosive device attached to an arrow to aid in the taking of wildlife.
- Lawful Archery Equipment: It is illegal to possess, while hunting big game during any Archery Only Season and in archery equipment only areas, archery equipment that does not meet the following criteria.
  - Hunting Bow: A hunting bow for big game shall be a longbow, flatbow, recurve bow, compound bow, or any combination of these designs.
  - The bow must be a device for launching an arrow, which derives its propulsive energy solely from the bending and recovery of two limbs (includes bows with split limbs).
  - The bow must be hand drawn by a single and direct uninterrupted pulling action of the shooter.
  - The bow must be hand-held. One hand shall hold the bow and the other hand draw the bowstring. Exception: Physically disabled bowhunters certified by FWP with the Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PMAE) are exempted from the requirement of holding or shooting the bow with their hands.
  - A bow is considered legal if not shorter than 28 inches total length.
  - The nominal percent of let-off for hunting bows shall be a maximum of 80 percent.
  - Arrow: An arrow is a projectile at least 20 inches in overall length. The length of the arrow is measured from the rearward point of the nock to the tip of the broadhead.
  - A broadhead is mounted on the fore end.
  - The arrow shall weigh no less than 300 grains with the broadhead attached.
  - Arrows must have broadheads with at least two cutting edges. Expandable broadheads are legal as long as when expanded they are at least 7/8 inches at the widest point, and weigh no less than 70 grains.
- The following are not considered a hunting bow or legal archery equipment during the Archery Only Season or in an ArchEquip Only area or hunting district:
  - Crossbow.
  - Any device with a gun-type stock or incorporating any device or mechanism that holds the bowstring at partial or full draw without the shooter's muscle power.
  - Any bow for which a portion of the bow's riser (handle) or any track, trough, channel, or other device that attaches directly to the bow's riser contacts, supports, and/or guides the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height. This is not intended to restrict the use of standard overdraw systems.
  - Electronic or battery-powered devices attached to a hunting bow.
  - A bow sight or arrow which uses artificial light, luminous chemicals such as tritium, or electronics.

Prohibited Methods of Taking

- It is illegal to interfere/hinder with the lawful taking of a game animal.
- It is illegal for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird:
  - from any self propelled (that is, motorized) or drawn vehicle. Even if the vehicle is not moving, hunters must be off or out of the vehicle. Holders of the Permit To Hunt From A Vehicle are the exception to this;
  - from, on or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, barrow pit or right-of-way of any public highway (highway is defined as: the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel, in the State of Montana);
  - by the aid or with the use of any set gun, jacklight, spotlight or other artificial light, trap, snare, salt lick, or bait, as per Montana law. Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of corn, wheat, or other grain or food sources so as to constitute a lure or attraction.
- Hunters may not use a motorized vehicle or aircraft to concentrate, drive, rally, stir-up, corral or harass wildlife except predators.
- In order to carry or use a firearm for any reason, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the youth, or be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, MCA 45-8-344.

General Regulations

It is illegal to

- "Party" hunt. Each hunter must shoot and tag his/her own animal.
- Loan or transfer their license to another person or use a license issued to another person.
- Carry or have physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location where the species to be hunted occurs. Exception: a person may carry or have control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person.
- Alter a license or permit for any reason.
- Post state or federal land other than that done by a state or federal land agency.

Airplane Spotting

Aircraft may not be used to locate big game animals for the purpose of:

- Hunting those animals during the same hunting day after a person has been airborne or;
- Providing information for another person for the purpose of hunting those animals within the same hunting day after being airborne;

The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) for the purpose of locating, spotting or hunting big game, upland birds or other species under the management authority of FWP during commission-established hunting seasons is prohibited.

Bobcat and Lynx

Nonresidents may not take bobcats. Lynx are listed as a federally threatened species and there is no open season. It is a violation of both state and federal law to knowingly chase lynx with dogs.

Check Stations

All hunters are required to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting and fishing areas, even if they have no game or fish to be checked.

Hunting Hours

Authorized hunting hours for the taking of big game animals begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See the official sunrise-sunset tables in these regulations.

Hunter Orange

Firearm Hunters

- Any person hunting or accompanying a hunter as an outfitter or guide must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material above the waist, visible at all times.

Archery Hunters

- A licensed bowhunter pursuing mountain lion during the Archery Only Season is not required to meet the hunter orange requirement.

Inspection of Wildlife

Wildlife taken must be shown to FWP Enforcement personnel for inspection when requested.

Kill Site Verification

As a condition of hunting in Montana, if requested to do so by an FWP warden, you are required to return to the kill site.

License Possession

- Licenses must be carried on your person at all times while in the field hunting.
- Licenses must be produced if requested by FWP Enforcement personnel.

Limits and Seasons:

- A hunter may legally harvest/take one mountain lion per license year.

Marked or Radio-Collared Animals

It is legal to shoot game animals that have radio collars, neck bands, ear tags and/or other markers, but markers and radio collars must be returned to FWP. Please report the killing of a marked animal to the local FWP Office.

Motion-Tracking or Camera Devices

It is illegal for a person to possess or use in the field any electronic or camera device whose purpose is to scout the location of game animals or relay the information on a game animal's location or movement during any Commission-adopted hunting season.

Night Vision Equipment

It is illegal to use night vision equipment or electronically enhanced light gathering optics for locating or hunting game.

Possession and Sale of Wildlife Parts

- It is illegal to sell or purchase any part of a mountain lion except as allowed by the laws of Montana.
- The sale or purchase of hides, heads or mounts of lawfully killed mountain lion is legal.

Recorded Animal Sounds

It is illegal to use any recorded or electrically amplified bird or animal calls or sounds or imitations of bird or animal calls or sounds to assist in the hunting, taking, killing or capturing of any wildlife except predatory animals, as per Montana law.

Simulated Wildlife

It is illegal to discharge a firearm or other hunting implement at a simulated wildlife decoy in violation of any state statute or FWP commission rule regulating the hunting of the wildlife being simulated.

Transport of Big Game

- If you are transporting wildlife and/or fish including live animals, sport-taken game, parts and/or products between Montana and Canada OR between the US and any foreign country, whether for commercial or non-commercial purposes, you must complete a US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Declaration form (Form 3-177). Form 3-177 is also available at all US Custom Ports and on the USFWS website at **www.fws.gov**. Additional federal permits may also be needed to import/export wildlife, depending on the species. For further information contact the USFWS Wildlife Inspector at 406-582-0336, Bozeman or 406-329-3000, Missoula.
- A US Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) export permit is needed to export mountain lion parts and/or products from the US.

Two-way Communication

Two-way electronic communication (radios, cell phones, text messages, etc.) may not be used to:

- hunt game animals or upland game birds, migratory birds or furbearers as defined in Montana law ("Hunt" means to "pursue, shoot, wound, kill, chase, lure, possess or capture."), OR
- avoid game checking stations, FWP Enforcement personnel, or to facilitate illegal activity.
- When hunting mountain lions or bobcats with dogs, this rule applies when dogs are placed or physically released on tracks or a scent trail.

The rule shall not be interpreted to prohibit the possession or use of two-way radios for safety or other legitimate purposes, nor does it prohibit the use of radio tracking equipment to locate hounds when hunting mountain lions or bobcats.

Waste of Game

Mountain lion is excluded from being considered as "suitable for food" under big game regulations. A person that harvests a mountain lion must possess the head and hide, with evidence of sex naturally attached. The remaining carcass may be taken in possession or be left in the field.

Trichinella in Mountain Lions

Trichinella is a parasite of mammals and some birds. Immature parasites develop cysts in the muscle of the host animal and are transmitted to a new host when infected meat is eaten raw or undercooked. Wild animals rarely show signs of infection. Humans and domestic dogs or cats can become infected with Trichinella by consuming raw or undercooked meat from an infected animal. Symptoms of infection vary and may be severe. All bear and mountain lion meat should be treated as if it were infected. Freezing will not kill the organism; however cooking at temperatures above 165 degrees Fahrenheit will kill the parasite. Many processing techniques (jerky and smoked meats) may not reach the proper temperature. FWP recommends that all mountain lion and bear meat be well cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees before consumption by humans or pets. FWP does not offer Trichinella testing. For further information call the FWP lab at 406-994-6357.

Common Sense Precautions When Field-Dressing Big Game

To minimize risk of disease or parasite transmission to humans, follow these proper ways to handle wild meat:

- Wear rubber (latex) gloves when field dressing game.
- Minimize contact with animal fluids, brain and spinal tissues.
- Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing or processing.
- Cook all meat until well done before consuming.

To minimize the risk of disease or parasite transmission to your domestic dog, prevent the consumption of big game viscera.

Mountain Lion Hunting Seasons

Archery Only Season Without Dogs – September 3 - October 16, 2016.

- Resident and nonresident hunters with either a General Mountain Lion License, a Special Mountain Lion License OR a Limited Region 2 General Lion License may harvest any legal lion in any open district statewide during the Archery Only Season.
- A Bow and Arrow License, plus the proper hunting license is required during mountain lion Archery Only Season or to archery hunt mountain lion in an Arch-Equip only area or hunting district.
- Use of dogs is prohibited during the Archery Only Season.
- The Archery Only Season for mountain lion will close:
  - with the end of the Archery Only Season or,
  - earlier upon reaching a number nearest to 20% of the total quota or number of Special Mountain Lion Licenses in the district, or
  - when one mountain lion is taken in those districts with a total harvest quota of less than five mountain lions or less than five Special Mountain Lion Licenses.
- When a district closes during the Archery Only Season, the Fall Season Without Dogs in that district will not open.
- In General License areas, the Archery Only Season harvest will be deducted from the district quota and subquota.
- In Special Mountain Lion License areas, the Archery Only Season male or female harvest will be deducted from that district's respective male or female mountain lion subquota or quota.
- Reporting requirements are listed under "Procedures to Follow Upon Harvesting a Mountain Lion".
- Female mountain lions with kittens may not be taken.
  - If a lactating female is killed, the hunter must inform an FWP official as soon after the kill as possible.
- No mountain lion with body spots shall be killed.

Fall Season Without Dogs – October 22 - November 27, 2016

- Resident and nonresident hunters with either a General Mountain Lion License, a Special Mountain Lion License OR a Limited Region 2 General Lion License may harvest any legal lion in any open district statewide during the Fall Season Without Dogs.
- Use of dogs is prohibited during the Fall Season.
- The fall mountain lion season will close:
  - with the end of the general deer/elk season or,
  - earlier upon the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest reaching a number nearest to 20% of the total quota or number of Special Mountain Lion Licenses in the district, or
  - when one mountain lion is taken in those districts with a total harvest quota of less than five mountain lions or less than five Special Mountain Lion Licenses.
- In general license areas, the combined Archery Only Season harvest and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest will be deducted from the district quota and subquota.
- In Special Mountain Lion License areas, the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs male and female mountain lion harvest will be deducted from the respective male or female mountain lion subquota or quota.
- Reporting requirements are listed under “Procedures to Follow Upon Harvesting a Mountain Lion”.
- Female mountain lions with kittens may not be taken.
  - If a lactating female is killed, the hunter must inform an FWP official as soon after the kill as possible.
- No mountain lion with body spots shall be killed.

Winter Season – December 01, 2016 - April 14, 2017

- When the male or female subquota or quota is reached in a hunting district, the mountain lion season for that subquota or quota in that hunting district will close upon 24-hours notice, but no later than April 14.
- General Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion in any open General Mountain Lion License hunting district during the Winter Season.
- Special Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion only in the hunting district, portion of the district, or group of districts for which the Special Mountain Lion License is valid during the Winter Season.
- Female mountain lions with kittens may not be taken.
  - If a lactating female is killed, the hunter must inform an FWP official as soon after the kill as possible.
- No mountain lion with body spots shall be killed.

Late Winter Season – February 01, 2017 - April 14, 2017

- General Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion in any open Region 2 General Mountain Lion License hunting district during the Late Winter Season. License holders must check the quota status before hunting in a Late Winter Season. The season will not open if Special Mountain Lion License holders fill the quota by February 1.
- Region 2 hunting districts with Special Mountain Lion Licenses are open to Limited Region 2 General Lion License holders for this late portion of the Winter Season until the harvest quota is reached.
- When the male or female subquota or quota is reached in a hunting district, the mountain lion season for that subquota or quota in that hunting district will close upon 24-hours notice, but no later than April 14.
- Special Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion only in the hunting district, portion of the district, or group of districts for which the Special Mountain Lion License is valid during the Winter Season or Late Winter Season.
- Female mountain lions with kittens may not be taken.
  - If a lactating female is killed, the hunter must inform an FWP official as soon after the kill as possible.
- No mountain lion with body spots shall be killed.

Winter Season and Late Winter Season General License Harvest Quotas

- Mountain lion quotas fill quickly in some hunting districts so hunters should check harvest closure information frequently.
- When the subquota or quota is reached in a hunting district, the mountain lion season for that subquota or quota in that hunting district will close upon 24-hours notice, but no later than April 14.
- When the total quota is reached in a hunting district, the mountain lion season in that hunting district will close upon 24-hours notice to the harvest of all mountain lions, but no later than April 14.
- The Fish & Wildlife Commission has authorized the department to initiate closure prior to reaching the total quota or subquota when conditions or circumstances indicate the total quota or subquota may be reached within the 24-hours closure notice period.

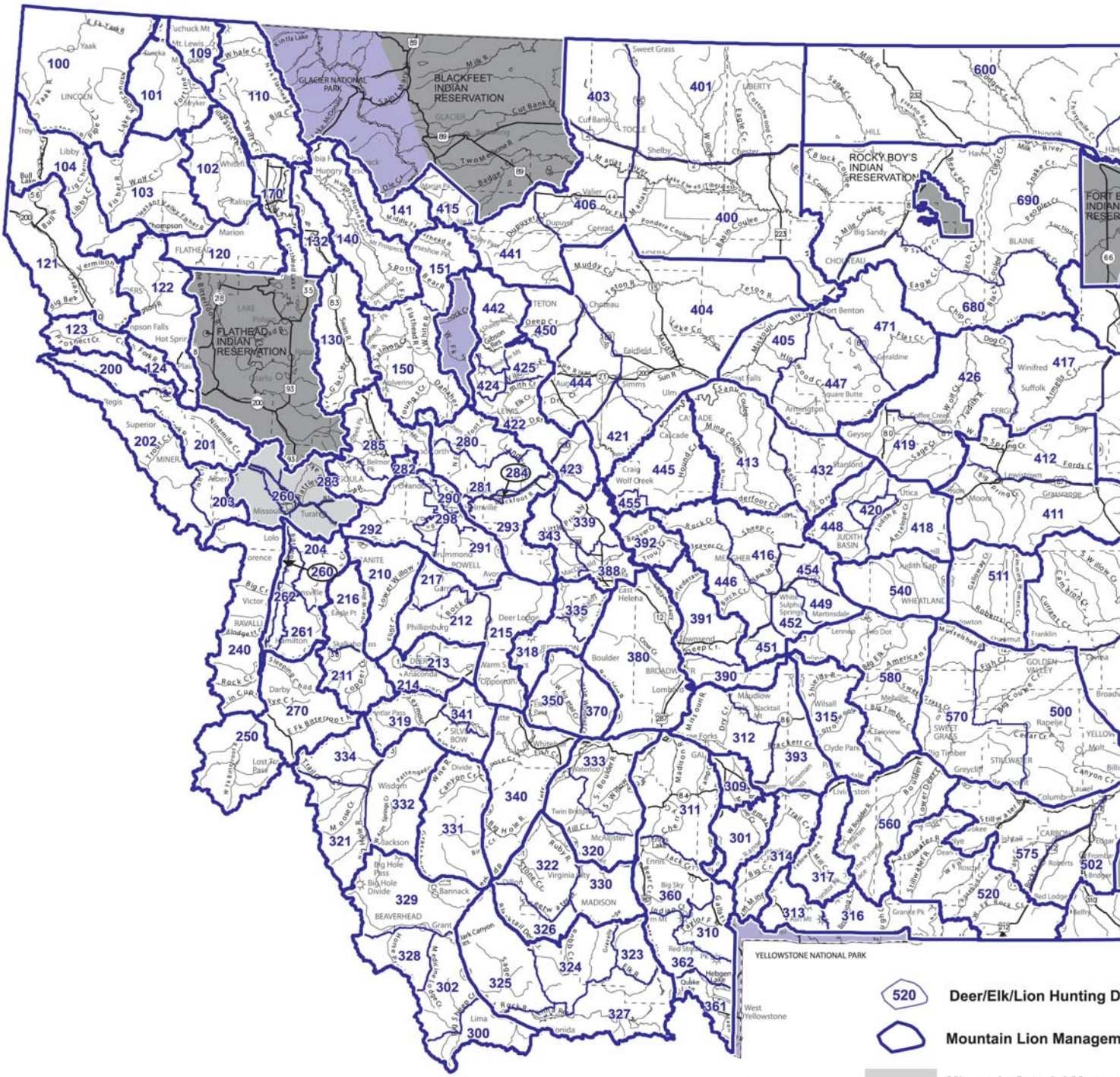
Hound Training Season – December 2, 2016 - April 14, 2017

- A hunter with a Resident Hound Training License may legally chase mountain lions in any valid hunting district statewide from December 2 - April 14.
- A hunter with a valid General Mountain Lion License, Limited Region 2 General Lion License or Special Mountain Lion License may legally chase mountain lions in any valid hunting district statewide December 1 - April 14.

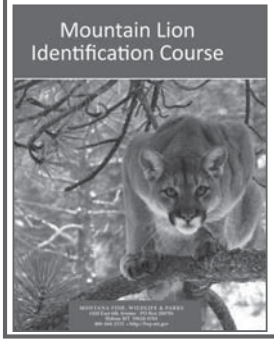
Use of Dogs

- A hunter with a valid General Mountain Lion License may legally harvest a mountain lion with dogs in any open general license hunting district during the Winter Season.
- A hunter with a valid Special Mountain Lion License may legally harvest a mountain lion with dogs only in the hunting district for which the Special Mountain Lion License is valid during the Winter Season. **Exceptions:** hunting districts 150 & 151 are open to the use of dogs September 15 - April 14.
- A hunter with a valid Mountain Lion License may legally chase mountain lions in any valid hunting district statewide December 1 - April 14. **Exceptions:** hunting districts 150 & 151 are open to the use of dogs September 15 - April 14.
- A hunter with a valid Resident Hound Training License may legally chase mountain lions in any valid hunting district statewide December 2 - April 14. A person may not kill a mountain lion or bobcat with a Resident Hound Training License.
- Authorized **mountain lion hunting and chasing** hours begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset for the dates listed by hunting district.
- Authorized **bobcat hunting** and **bobcat chasing** begins one-half hour before sunrise and ends one-half hour after sunset.
- Nonresidents may not hunt or chase bobcat. Residents must possess a valid General Trapper License to hunt and chase bobcat or an RHTL to chase bobcats.
- Permission is required to release dogs or chase mountain lions on private land.
- It is prohibited for a dog owner or mountain lion hunter to release dogs on a mountain lion track, or allow dogs to chase a mountain lion, or hold a mountain lion at bay during any period of the day or year when the season is not open to hunting or chasing mountain lions. Legitimate attempts to retrieve loose dogs after legal hunting hours does not constitute a violation of this rule.
- Persons handling dogs in the field are required to:
  - have a valid General Mountain Lion License if hunting or chasing; or
  - have a valid Special Mountain Lion License if hunting or chasing; or
  - have a Resident Hound Training License to only chase.
- Outfitters and guides will be eligible to handle hounds with only a valid Conservation License and a valid Montana outfitter or guide license in their possession. Guides will also be required to provide the license number of the outfitter on whose license they are guiding if required to do so by an FWP employee.

Mountain Lion Hunting District Map



999 Circled numbers indicate districts with boundaries that may be difficult to locate on this reference map.

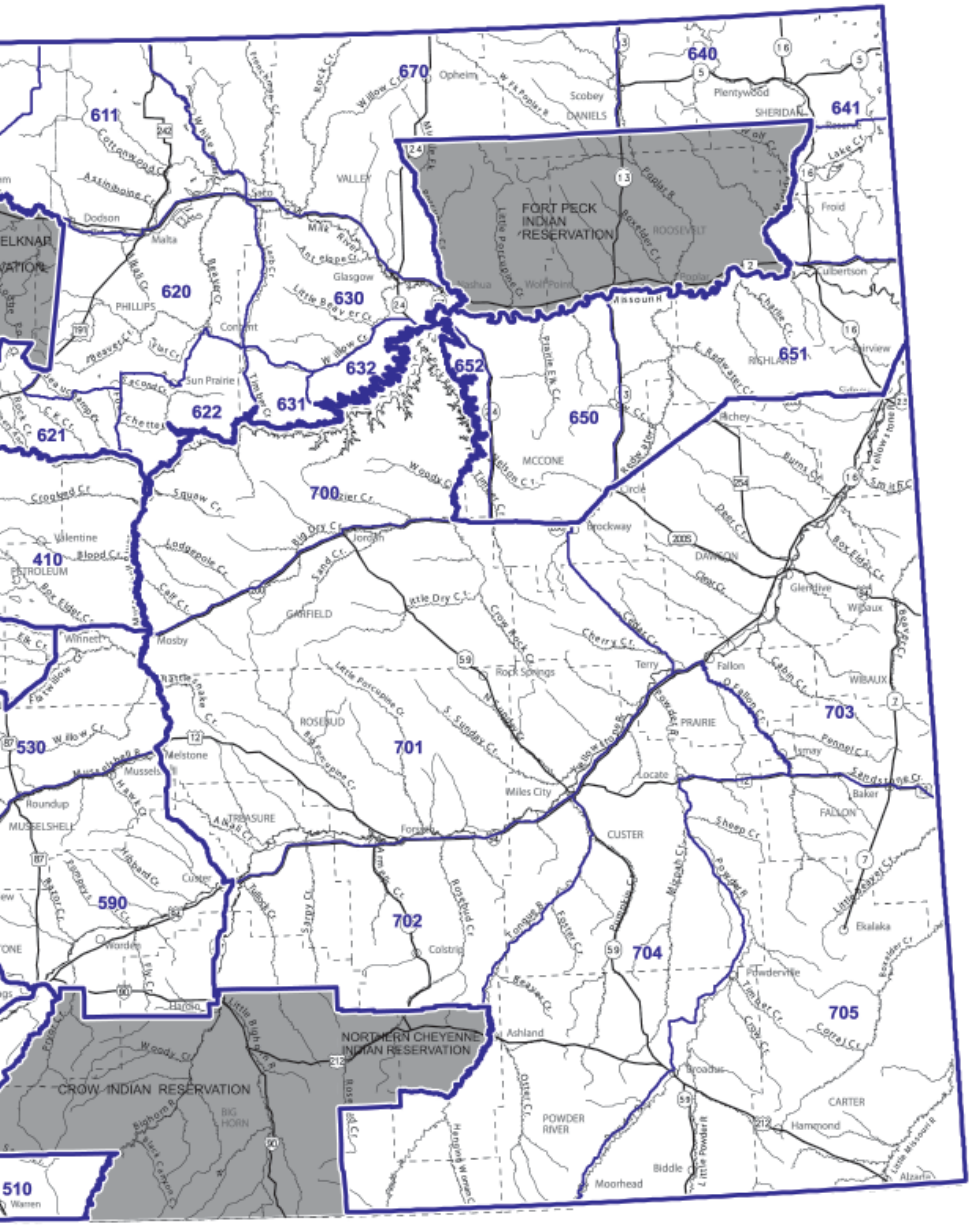


The *Mountain Lion Identification Program* is a voluntary training program available to anyone who is interested in mountain lion ecology and/or who wants to hunt mountain lions.

The course:

- presents information about mountain lion biology;
- explains how to determine the gender of a mountain lion; and
- presents some of Montana's laws and regulations pertaining to mountain lion hunting.

For more information, go to
http://fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter/mountainLionID



Restricted Area Descriptions

Restricted area legal descriptions include both Closed Areas and Weapons Restricted Areas. It is your responsibility to know that you are in a legal hunting area.

HD 309 Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area: Mountain lion hunting is restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only, EXCEPT on some private lands which are excluded from the weapons restrictions. See legal description in 2016 Deer • Elk • Antelope regulations. Map available at FWP-R3 HQ 406-994-4042, in Bozeman.

Libby Big Game Archery Only Hunting Area: That Portion of Lincoln County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and Port Blvd. (the old Stimpson mill site entrance) on the south edge of Libby, then heading east on Port Blvd. to the Champion Haul Road, across Libby Creek on said road to National Forest Road 4813, then southerly on Road 4813 to National Forest Road 533, the Swede Mountain Road, then southerly along said road to the Farm-To-Market Road, then northerly along the Farm-to-Market Road to U.S. Highway 2, then northerly along U.S. Highway 2 to Port Blvd., the point of beginning.

Mountain Lion Hunting Districts – Legal Descriptions

Legal descriptions for the 2016 Mountain Lion Hunting Districts are the same as the 2016 Legal Descriptions for the Deer/Elk Hunting Districts found in the 2016 Deer•Elk•Antelope Regulations on the FWP website at **http://fwp.mt.gov.**

Missoula Special Management Area for Mountain Lion –

The Missoula Special Management Area includes portions of hunting districts 201, 203, 204, 260, 283 and 292, in portions of Mineral, Missoula, Sanders, Granite, Ravalli and Powell counties. A map and legal description is available from the Missoula FWP office (406-542-5500).

Spanish Peaks Portion of HD 311 for Mountain Lion –

Those portions of Gallatin County within the following described boundary: Beginning at the confluence of Cascade Creek and the Gallatin River, then southerly up the Gallatin River to its intersection with Dudley/Creek-West Fork Gallatin divide near Big Sky junction (U.S. Highway 191 and Route 64), then northwesterly up said divide to Wilson Peak, then northeasterly along the Dudley Creek-Hell Roaring Creek divide to trail 481, then easterly along said trail to Table Mountain, then northerly along the Lava Lake trail (trail numbers 445 and 77) to the mouth of Cascade Creek and the Gallatin River, the point of beginning.

Mountain Lion Hunting District or Management Unit Regulations

Hunting District (HD) or Management Unit **Check status/ closure at: fwp.mt.gov or 1-800-385-7826 or 406-444-1989**	Special License		Harvest Quotas for Hunting District or Management Unit			***General Lion License or Limited Region 2 General Lion License or Special Mountain Lion License***						
	Special License number (for application)	Licenses	Any Legal Mountain Lion	Female subquota	Male subquota	**Archery Only Season Sept 3-Oct 16**	**Fall Season Without Dogs - Oct 22-Nov 27**	***General Lion License***	***Limited Region 2 General Lion License***	***Special Mountain Lion License***	***General Lion License***	***Limited Region 2 General Lion License***
						Combined Harvest Limit (20% of quota)*		**Winter Season Dec 01-Apr 14 (Special License holders are restricted to the HD on the license)**			**Late Winter Season Feb 01 - Apr 14**	
Region 1												
HD 100	100-00	24	24		12	5*				●	**No Late Winter Season in Region 1**	
HD 101	101-00	12	12		5	2*				●		
HD 102	102-00	12	12		5	2*				●		
HD 103 NOTE: Libby Big game Archery Only Hunting Area restricted to ArchEquip Only.	103-00	12	12		7	2*				●		
HD 104	104-00	12	12		7	2*				●		
HD 109	109-00	8	8		4	2*				●		
HD 110	110-00	8	8		4	2*				●		
HD 120	120-00	11	11		4	2*				●		
HD 121	121-00	22	22		8	4*				●		
HD 122	122-00	14	14		5	3*				●		
HD 123	123-00	7	7		3	1*				●		
HD 124	124-00	5	5		2	1*				●		
HD 130	130-00	14	14		5	3*				●		
HD 132			10			2*		●				
HD 140			6			1*		●				
HD 141			6			1*		●				
HD 150 &151			7			Archery Only Season Sept 3 -Sept 14 1*	Winter Season Sept 15-Apr 14	●				
HD 170 (Flathead Valley)			Unlimited			Unlimited (1 per hunter)		●				

* **Region 1:** During the Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs, a General License, a Limited Region 2 General Lion License or a Special Mountain Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion hunting district but the district will close when the harvest reaches a number nearest to 20% of the quota. Any male harvested with a General or Limited R2 General License during the Archery Only Season and/or Fall Season Without Dogs will be subtracted from the male subquota for Special Mountain Lion License holders but will not reduce the 'Any Legal Mountain Lion" quota for Special License holders.

Hunting District (HD) or Management Unit **Check status/closure at: fwp.mt.gov or 1-800-385-7826 or 406-444-1989**	Special License		Harvest Quotas for Hunting District or Management Unit			***General Lion License or Limited Region 2 General Lion License or Special Mountain Lion License***	***General Lion License***	***Limited Region 2 General Lion License***	***Special Mountain Lion License***	***General Lion License***	***Limited Region 2 General Lion License***
	Special License number (for application)	Licenses	Any Legal Mountain Lion	Female quota	Male quota	**Archery Only Season Sept 3-Oct 16 / Fall Season Without Dogs - Oct 22-Nov 27**	**Winter Season Dec 01-Apr 14 (Special License holders are restricted to the HD on the license)**			**Late Winter Season Feb 01 - Apr 14**	
						Combined Harvest Limit (20% of quota)*					
Region 2											
Missoula Special Mgmt Area - Residents Only (Portions of HDs 201, 203, 204, 260, 283 and 292. MSMA maps and legal descriptions are available at Missoula FWP office 406-542-5500.)				12	13	5*	•	•			
Missoula Special Mgmt Area - Non-Residents (Portions of HDs 201, 203, 204, 260, 283 and 292. MSMA maps and legal descriptions are available at Missoula FWP office 406-542-5500.)	201-00	2							•		
HD 200 & 201 (excluding Missoula Special Mgmt Area)	200-00	20		7	13	4*			•	•	•
HD 202 & 203 (excluding Missoula Special Mgmt Area)	202-00	30		10	20	6*			•	•	•
HD 210	210-00	4		1	3	1*			•	•	•
HD 211 & 216	211-00	8		3	5	2*			•	•	•
HD 212, 215 & 217	212-00	7		1	6	1*			•	•	•
HD 213 & 214	213-00	2		0	2	1*			•	•	•
HD 204, 260 261, & 262 (excluding Missoula Special Mgmt Area).	204-00	31		1	4	1*			•	•	•
HD 240				3	4	1*			•	•	•
HD 250				3	5	2*			•	•	•
HD 270				5	6	2*			•	•	•
HD 280, 281, 284, 293 & portion of 298 east of State Route 141	280-00	8		3	5	2*			•	•	•
HD 282	**Closed to all lion hunting (harvest and chase).**										
HD 283 & 285 (excluding Missoula Special Mgmt Area)	283-00	11		4	7	2*			•	•	•
HD 290, 291, 292, & portion of 298 west of State Route 141 (excluding Missoula Special Mgmt Area)	290-00	10		3	7	2*			•	•	•

* **Region 2:** During the Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs, a General License, a Limited Region 2 General Lion License or a Special Mountain Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion hunting district but the district will close when the harvest reaches a number nearest to 20% of the quota. In Special Mountain Lion License areas, the combined Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs male and female mountain lion harvest from all license holders will be deducted from the respective male or female mountain lion quotas.

Hunting District (HD) or Management Unit **Check status/ closure at:** **fwp.mt.gov** **or** **1-800-385-7826** **or** **406-444-1989**	Special License		Harvest Quotas for Hunting District or Management Unit			*General Lion License or Limited Region 2 General Lion License or Special Mountain Lion License*	*General Lion License*	*Limited Region 2 General Lion License*	*Special Mountain Lion License*	*General Lion License*	*Limited Region 2 General Lion License*
	Special License number (for application)	Licenses	Any Legal Mountain Lion	Female subquota	Male subquota	Archery Only Season Sept 3-Oct 16 / Fall Season Without Dogs - Oct 22-Nov 27 Combined Harvest Limit (20% of quota)*	Winter Season Dec 01-Apr 14			Late Winter Season Feb 01 - Apr 14	
Region 3											
HD 300, 302, 328, & 329			10	5		2*	●				
HD 301			8	4		2*	●				
HD 309 NOTE: See Restricted Area Descriptions page 9			5			1* **Fall Season Without Dogs in HD 309 - Sept 3-Nov 27**	●				
HD 310, 311, 360, 361 & 362 NOTE: Excluding Spanish Peaks portion of HD 311. See legal description.			10	3		2*	●				
HD 311 - Spanish Peaks Portion			7			1*	●				
HD 312 & 393			7	2		1*	●				
HD 313 & 316			4	1		1*	●				
HD 314			6	2		1*	●				
HD 315			3	1		1*	●				
HD 317			4	2		1*	●				
HD 318 & 335			6	2		1*	●				
HD 319 & 341			4	2		1*	●				
HD 320 & 333			6	2		1*	●				
HD 321, 332, & 334			3	1		1*	●				
HD 322, 326, & 330			6	2		1*	●				
HD 323, 324, 325, & 327			6	2		1*	●				
HD 331			7	3		1*	●				
HD 339, 343, & 388			8	2		2*	●				
HD 340			3	1		1*	●				
HD 350, 370			4	1		1*	●				
HD 380			10	4		2*	●				
HD 390 & 391			10	5		2*	●				
HD 392			3	1		1*	●				

No Late Winter Season in Region 3

* **Region 3:** Any lion harvested in the Archery Only or Fall Season Without Dogs will be deducted from the quota (male or female) and from the female subquota. The Fall Season Without Dogs will close upon the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest reaching a number nearest to 20% of a district total quota.

Purchase by June 30

MONTANA SuperTag

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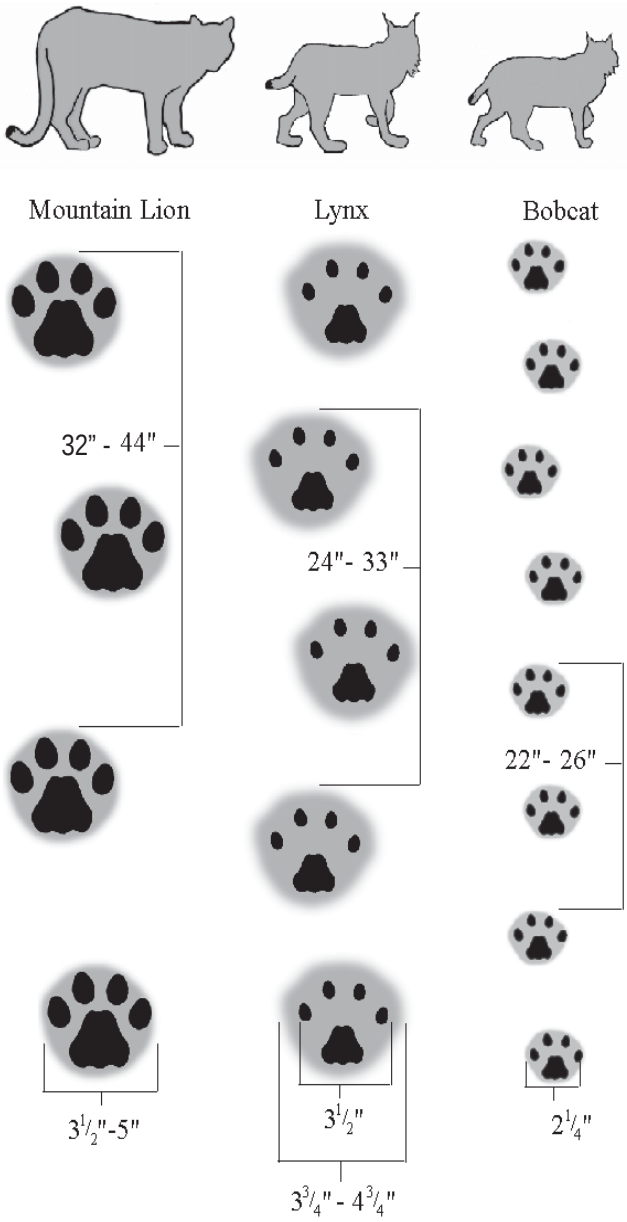
	Special License number (for application)	Licenses	Any Legal Mountain Lion	Female quota	Male quota	Archery Only Season Sept 3-Oct 16 / Fall Season Without Dogs - Oct 22-Nov 27 Combined Harvest Limit (20% of quota)*	*General Lion License*	*Limited Region 2 General Lion License*	*Special Mountain Lion License*	*General Lion License*	*Limited Region 2 General Lion License*	
							Winter Season Dec 01-Apr 14			Late Winter Season Feb 01 - Apr 14		
Region 4												
HD 400, 401, 403, 406, 415 & 441				1	2	1*	●			No Late Winter Season in Region 4		
HD 404, 421, 444 & 450				3	3	1*	●					
HD 405, 447 & 471				2	3	1*	●					
HD 410, 417, 419 & 426				8	3	2*	●					
HD 411 & 412				8	5	3*	●					
HD 413 & 432				5	5	2*	●					
HD 416, 446, 449, 451, 452 & 454				7	6	3*	●					
HD 418, 420 & 448				4	4	2*	●					
HD 422, 423, 424, 425, & 442				4	11	3*	●					
HD 445 & 455				8	6	3*	●					

***** Regions 4: Any lion harvested in the Archery Only or Fall Season Without Dogs will be deducted from the quota (male or female). The Fall Season Without Dogs will close upon the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest reaching a number nearest to 20% of a male or female quota.

Hunting District (HD) or Management Unit **Check status/ closure at: fwp.mt.gov or 1-800-385-7826 or 406-444-1989**	Special License		Harvest Quotas for Hunting District or Management Unit			*General Lion License or Limited Region 2 General Lion License or Special Mountain Lion License*						
	Special License number (for application)	Licenses	Any Legal Mountain Lion	Female subquota	Male subquota	Archery Only Season Sept 3-Oct 16 / Fall Season Without Dogs - Oct 22-Nov 27 Combined Harvest Limit (20% of quota)*	*General Lion License*	*Limited Region 2 General Lion License*	*Special Mountain Lion License*	*General Lion License*	*Limited Region 2 General Lion License*	
							Winter Season Dec 01-Apr 14			Late Winter Season Feb 01 - Apr 14		
Region 5												
HD 500 & 570			4			1*	●			No Late Winter Season in Region 5		
HD 502 & 575			4			1*	●					
HD 510			4	2		1*	●					
HD 511			4	2		1*	●					
HD 520			5	2		1*	●					
HD 530 & 590			8			2*	●					
HD 540			5	3		2*	●					
HD 560			7	3		2*	●					
HD 580			6	3		2*	●					
Region 6												
HD 680 & 690			8	2		2*	●			No Late Winter Season in Region 6		
Region 6 except HD 680 & 690			**4**	2		1*	●					
Region 7												
All HDs in Region 7			**45**			**9***	●			No Late Winter Season in Region 7		

*** Regions 5, 6 & 7:** Any lion harvested in the Archery Only or Fall Season Without Dogs will be deducted from the quota (male or female) and from the female subquota. The Fall Season Without Dogs will close upon the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest reaching a number nearest to 20% of a district total quota.

Cat Identification

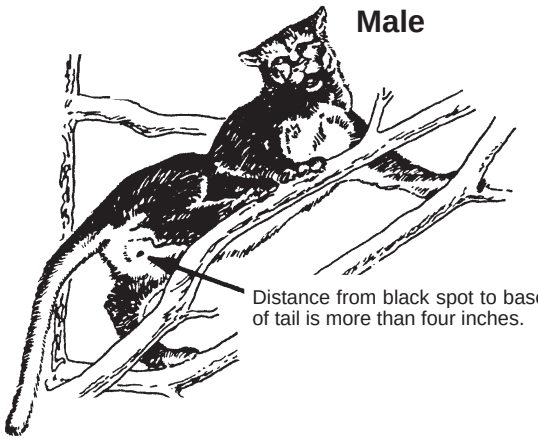


- Note differences in tail length of mountain lion and black markings on tip of lynx and bobcat tails.
- Lynx ear tufts are longer than bobcat ear tufts.
- Mountain lion and lynx foot sizes are similar; bobcat is much smaller.
- Tracks are shown with shaded area representing impression of hair in the snow.
- Note track size and stride length differences between species.

Sex Determination of Mountain Lion

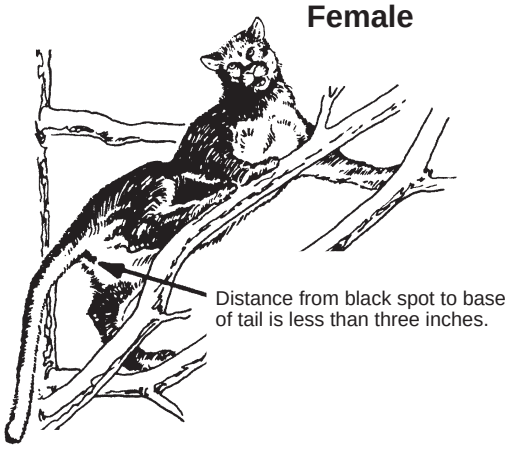
Male adult and subadult lions have a conspicuous black spot, about one inch diameter, surrounding the opening to the penis sheath behind the hind legs and about four to five inches below the base of the tail.

Male

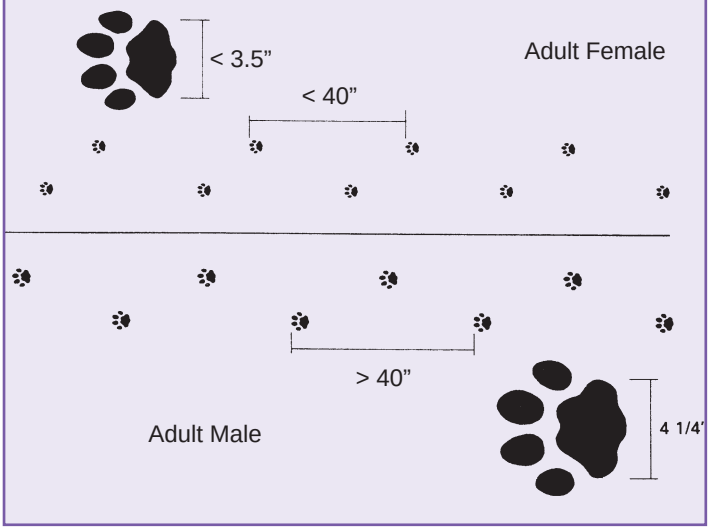


Female adult and subadult lions may have black fur surrounding the vulva and located about three inches or less from the base of the tail.

Female



Pad Width & Stride Length - potential indicators of sex



2016-2017 Sunrise-Sunset Tables For Determining Hunting Hours

These tables, including adjustments for daylight savings time, are the official sunrise-sunset tables adopted by the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission for hunting in Montana. Authorized hunting hours for the taking of mountain lion begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. **(Do not utilize from other sources)**.

ZONE 1

INCLUDES: Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli and Sanders Counties

	Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
Day	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
01	7:36	7:14	8:19	6:19	8:01	4:49	8:21	4:59	8:00	5:40	7:15	6:22	7:15	8:06
02	7:37	7:12	8:21	6:18	8:02	4:49	8:21	5:00	7:59	5:41	7:13	6:24	7:13	8:07
03	7:38	7:11	8:22	6:16	8:04	4:48	8:21	5:01	7:57	5:43	7:11	6:25	7:11	8:08
04	7:40	7:09	8:24	6:15	8:05	4:48	8:21	5:02	7:56	5:44	7:09	6:27	7:09	8:10
05	7:41	7:07	8:25	6:13	8:06	4:48	8:21	5:03	7:55	5:46	7:08	6:28	7:07	8:11
06	7:42	7:05	7:27	5:12	8:07	4:48	8:21	5:04	7:53	5:48	7:06	6:29	7:05	8:13
07	7:44	7:03	7:28	5:11	8:08	4:48	8:20	5:05	7:52	5:49	7:04	6:31	7:03	8:14
08	7:45	7:01	7:30	5:09	8:09	4:47	8:20	5:06	7:50	5:51	7:02	6:32	7:01	8:15
09	7:46	6:59	7:31	5:08	8:10	4:47	8:20	5:07	7:49	5:52	7:00	6:34	6:59	8:17
10	7:48	6:57	7:33	5:07	8:11	4:47	8:19	5:09	7:47	5:54	6:58	6:35	6:57	8:18
11	7:49	6:55	7:34	5:06	8:12	4:47	8:19	5:10	7:46	5:55	6:56	6:37	6:55	8:19
12	7:51	6:53	7:35	5:04	8:13	4:47	8:18	5:11	7:44	5:57	7:54	7:38	6:53	8:21
13	7:52	6:51	7:37	5:03	8:13	4:48	8:18	5:12	7:43	5:58	7:52	7:39	6:52	8:22
14	7:53	6:50	7:38	5:02	8:14	4:48	8:17	5:14	7:41	6:00	7:50	7:41	6:50	8:24
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ZONE 2

INCLUDES: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Glacier, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Silver Bow, Teton and Toole Counties.

	Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr	
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31	8:09	6:13			8:12	4:51	7:53	5:31			7:09	7:56		

ZONE 3

INCLUDES: Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland and Yellowstone Counties

	Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
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ZONE 4

INCLUDES: Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Treasure, Valley and Wibaux Counties

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